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TO EA/ANP PASS AMBASSADOR MARSHALL GREEN

FOR: AID/PHA/FDRC

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: CALDER LETTER OF THANKS FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE -

DARWIN CYCLONE DISASTER

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FEBRUARY 11 LETTER ADDRESSED TO YOU BY S.E. CALDER, MHR FOR NORTHERN TERRITORY, EXTENDING THANKS FOR USG ASSISTANCE IN DARWIN CYCLONE.

2. TEXT FOLLOWS:

QTE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

QTE AS THE MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT FOR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY, I AM WRITING TO THANK YOU FOR THE ASSISTANCE, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA GAVE TO THE PEOPLE OF DARWIN, IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE CYCLONE TRACE DISASTER.

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QTE THROUGHOUT THE EMERGENCY, AMERICAN PERSONNEL, PARTICULARLY THE PERSONNEL OF THE MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND, PERFORMED AN OUTSTANDING JOB. THE TASK OF THE M.A.C. AIR CREWS WAS DIFFICULT IN VIEW OF THE DISRUPTED AIRFIELD FACILITIES IN DARWIN AND IT TOOK COMMENDABLE BRAVERY ON THE PART OF THE AIR CREWS TO COME INTO DARWIN AND TO LEAVE DARWIN.

QTE THE CREWS WORKED AROUND THE CLOCK, BRINGING IN NEEDED SUPPLIES AND EVACUATING AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.

QTE THE AIR CREWS UNDERTOOK THEIR DUTY WITH GREAT MEASURES OF COMPASSION, AND I CAN ASSURE YOU, THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY WILL ALWAYS HAVE FOR THEM A SPECIAL PLACE IN THE RESPECT.

QTE I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE KIND EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TOWARDS OUR PLIGHT BY YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS. THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY MANY AMERICANS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES, REINFORCED OUR HIGH REGARD FOR YOUR PEOPLE.

QTE AT PRESENT, MONEY IS COMING TO DARWIN RAISED VOLUNTARILY IN THE UNITED STATES, IN ORDER TO RELIEVE DISTRESS. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE MONEY WILL BE USED IN A MOST EFFECTIVE MANNER AND THAT IT IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED BY US ALL.
QTE YOUR SINCERELY, SAM CALDER END QTE.

3. EMBASSY SENDING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OVER CHARGE'S SIGNATURE.
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